

5. Hazards and Goals

Hazard prioritization and mitigation goals are in accordance with the stated objectives and priorities, specifically: Protection of Life, Property and Values at Risk. The mitigation goals were developed in response to the issues identified by the Franklin County Wildland Fire Mitigation Group and input from the public meetings. The list of mitigation goals responds directly to the hazards faced and the issues raised by the residents of Franklin County.

Hazard 1: Franklin County's subdivisions & homeowners in High Risk Areas are without emergency wildfire plans or other emergency plans in place.

Mitigation Goal 1: Develop County Fire-Emergency Mobilization Plan and County/Interagency Communications Plan with Landowners and Cooperators in Franklin County and develop subdivision/homeowners wildfire and other emergency operations plan(s) as requested.

Hazard 2: Franklin County's Subdivision and Building Code Ordinances need to be revised to address fire protection and prevention for new developments.

Mitigation Goal 2: Develop changes to the Franklin County Subdivision Ordinance and Building Code ordinance to address fire protection and prevention for new developments and construction. Utilizing standard Fire Protection Guidelines for Residential Development as identified in NFPA 1144, Standard for Protection of Life and Property from Wildfire, 2002 edition.

Hazard 3: Franklin County has limited sources of water for fighting wildland fires and many of those sources are vulnerable to disruption of service in the event of a wildland fire.

Mitigation Goal 3: Provide additional sources of water at strategic locations throughout Franklin County and means of supplementing or replacing service in the event of disruption.

Hazard 4: Franklin County has limited fire station locations and equipment that result in poor response times to fires in outlying portions of the County.

Mitigation Goal 4: Provide Franklin County Fire District with facility improvements and equipment as identified and improve coverage in areas where facilities and equipment are currently lacking.

Hazard 5: Franklin County has numerous county roads, infrastructure, communication sites, developments and communities that require hazardous fuels reduction (HFR).

Mitigation Goal 5: Reduce identified hazardous fuels buildup in high-risk areas on a countywide scale.

Hazard 6: Franklin County lacks defensible space, fire resistant building materials, and adequate bridges in some developments and at private homes.

Mitigation Goal 6: Create defensible space standards for existing homeowners and developments and utilize standard Fire Protection Guidelines for Residential Development as identified in NFPA 1144, Standard for Protection of Life and Property from Wildfire, 2002 edition. Implementation of these standards will be by voluntary compliance and required construction standards for re-roofing structures. (See Goal 2.)

Hazard 7: Franklin County's volunteer fire department is having difficulty meeting standards or requirements pertaining to: Training, PPE, Communications, Equipment, Apparatus and Facilities.

Mitigation Goal 7: Provide Franklin County Fire District personnel with required training, communications, PPE, apparatus, facility improvements and equipment as identified.

Hazard 8: Franklin County citizens have had limited Firewise education, information and awareness with regards to wildland fire.

Mitigation Goal 8: Gain community or development participation in Firewise activities including education and information distribution.

Hazard 9: Franklin County and Forest Service Roads lack turnouts for emergency vehicles to pass slower vehicles and weight limits are not posted on all bridges.

Mitigation Goal 9: Work with the road agencies to construct vehicle turnouts where needed and install weight limit signs on bridges.

Hazard 10: Franklin County has no comprehensive inventory of homes and values at risk in the event of a wildland fire.

Mitigation Goal 10: Develop a comprehensive inventory of homes and provide the inventory to dispatchers and FCFD in times of emergency response.

Hazard 11: Franklin County has a large amount of land in the CRP increasing fuel loads beyond what would normally occur on tilled farmland.

Mitigation Goal 11: Apply fuels treatment - hand, mechanical, prescribed fire or combination of treatments to reduce fuels loads on CRP land.